

Truckers - Ministerial Briefing 2022-01-28

Minister Leblanc, Blair, Mendicino and Alhabra on the line. Commissioner of the RCMP on the line, as well as the director of CSIS.

RCMP update:

- About 2000 trucks, 7000 people are latest numbers. Changing all the time.
- Each convoy is 27 transport and 36 passenger vehicle.
- US border community convoys – data not available.
- Convoy trajectory is being worked on with police.
- 5500 people at least. Likely more than that based on convos with organizers.
- Convoy likely to grow as it goes across Quebec.
- PPS advises us that last night 4-5 vehicles blocking wellington, people from New Brunswick “L’Union Fait la Force”
- OPP: west convoy to depart sault ste marie, end up in arnprior. We’ll have a good sense of numbers from there.
- East convoy – 27.
- Converging in vaudreuil at 2pm, meet at VanKleek Hill, ON. Remain there this evening.
- S convoy, arriving in NCR around noon. Unclear what this group plans to do on arrival.

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- E, W, arriving in Ottawa to converge on parliament at noon.
- Planned convoy protest in BC, 200 vehicles.

PPS reporting an indigenous group has installed a tent on parliament hill. Has confirmed it will be removed, there will be no more structures on parliament hill.

- Operational planning: additional 40 resources from QC, possible more. More from Ottawa, national division.
- Deployment of these resources coordinated by NHQ.
- PPS: 100 public order resources in west block as required, OPP and RCMP O division.

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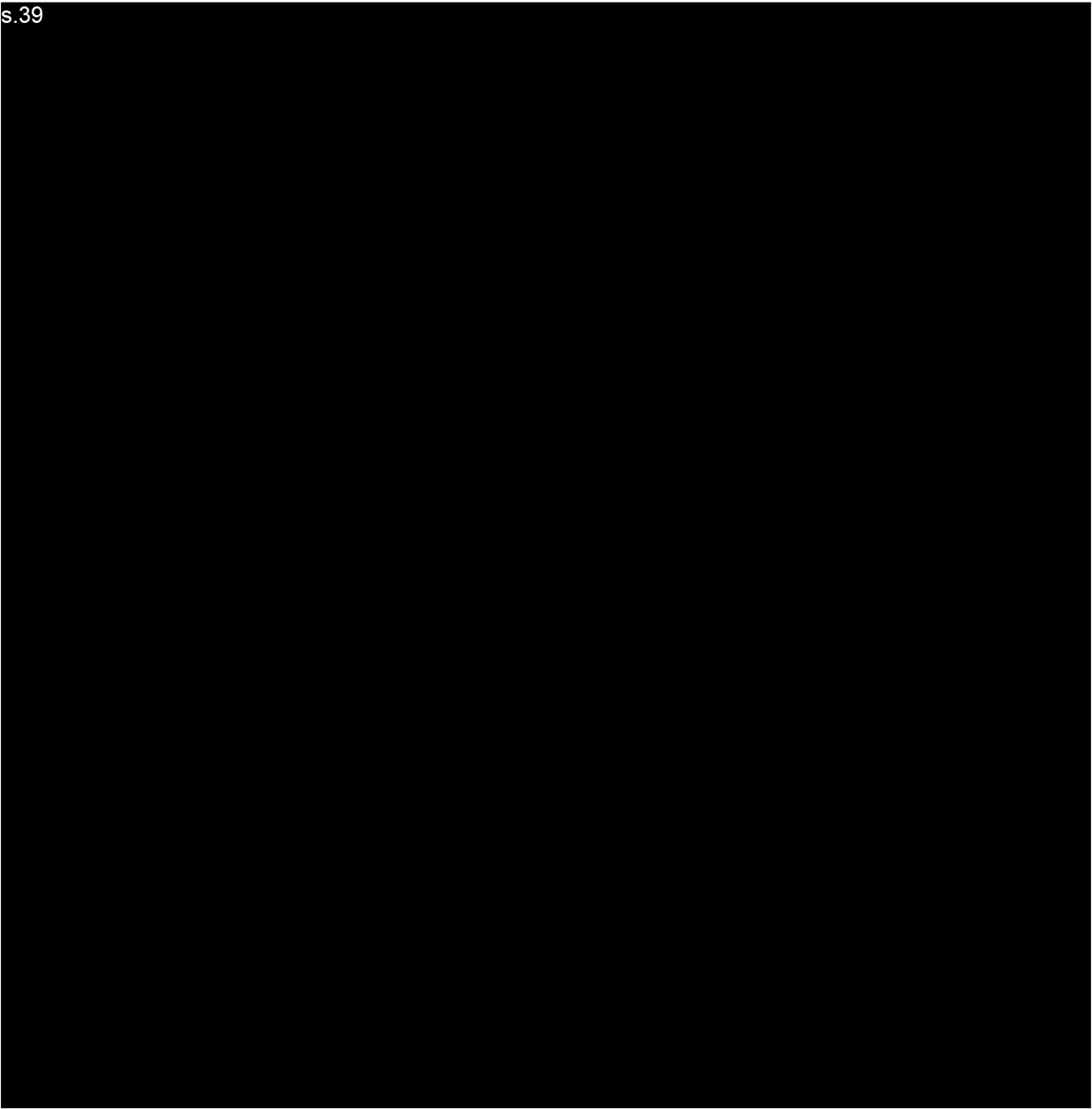
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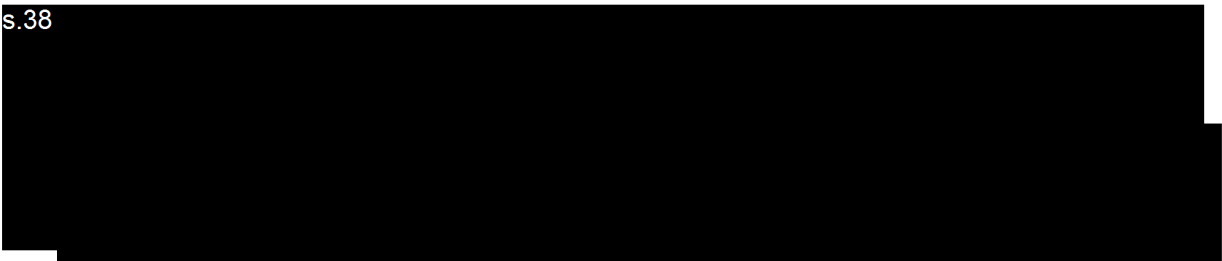
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Calling for civil war – Global reporting on this individual.

- Rhetoric is different from concrete action, training.
 - Conversations with social media, bringing those posts down.
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How a crowd can turn into a mob – we know there are angry, irrational people who can be in this crowd.

Communications:

- Mindful that words matter. Don't want to be a lightning rod for anything.
- Want this to be OPS led.
- Opposition meeting with truckers, rcmp security provided. Might be hard to not have a government rep if an opportunity to bring temperature down?